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H.R. No. 2523

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Lubbock are mourning the loss of
2 admired community leader Charley James Wasson, who passed away on
3 May 10, 2017, at the age of 41; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Jimmy and Shirley Wasson, Charley Wasson
5 was born in Fritch on December 8, 1975; as a young man, he often
6 worked with his grandparents on the family farm, and his character
7 was further shaped by his participation in debate and the Boy
8 Scouts, where he attained the rank of Eagle Scout; and

9 WHEREAS, After receiving a bachelor's degree in English and a
10 master's degree in sports management and marketing from Texas Tech
11 University, Mr. Wasson embarked on a career in cancer and hospice
12 care; beginning in 1999, he worked for Covenant Health, first at the
13 Joe Arrington Cancer Research and Treatment Center and later as the
14 executive director and CEO of Hospice of Lubbock and the Covenant
15 palliative care program; in recognition of his outstanding efforts,
16 he received the 2015 Values in Action Award for Justice from
17 Covenant Health; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Wasson contributed to his professional
19 community as a member of the Texas and New Mexico Hospice
20 Organization and the Texas Non-Profit Hospice Alliance boards; he
21 also held leadership roles with a number of worthy civic groups,
22 including Women's Protective Services; and

23 WHEREAS, Beloved by many for his warmth, compassion, and good
24 humor, Mr. Wasson was especially devoted to his nieces and nephews;

1 he remained loyal all his life to the Texas Tech Red Raiders, and
2 his other interests included photography, travel, and movies; he
3 was also a man of strong religious faith and a valued congregant of
4 First United Methodist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Charley Wasson lived a caring and purposeful life,
6 and although his journey on this earth ended far too soon, he leaves
7 behind a record of service to others that will forever inspire all
8 those who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charley James
11 Wasson and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family:
12 to his mother and stepfather, Shirley and Kent Eagle; to his
13 brother, Jamey Wasson, and his wife, Leslie; to his sisters, Kim
14 Huot and her husband, John, Shelly Biggs and her husband, Rusty, Kay
15 Lynn Clifford and her husband, Chris, Debbie Petersen and her
16 husband, Eric, and Kathy Whittenberg and her husband, Kyle; to his
17 nephews and nieces; and to his other relatives and many friends;
18 and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charley
22 Wasson.